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## Weather Indications.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Weather forecast: A low pressure area covers the upper Mississippi valley and lower Missouri valley, except a few thunder showers in northern Minnesota, upper Michigan and the Dakotas it has developed no precipitation, but has resulted in a remarkable manifestation of heat, the temperatures varying from 100 to 115 degrees in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, southern and extreme western Wisconsin and Illinois. The center of greatest heat is this morning resting over Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Illinois. In Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas, the hot wave is breaking and the temperature is about 10 degrees cooler than yesterday. Southwest winds are probable today and tonight in northern Illinois which will result in probably the hottest day of the season today and tonight. It is probable that relief will not come before Saturday or Saturday evening, when thunder showers are probable.

THE police are called Metropolitan because they do just like they do in big cities like New York.

THE Populist police of Topeka are the latest branch of that party to be found out in the corruption. Next.

THERE is only one reason for believing that Vilas is not Cleveland's valet, and that is that no man is a hero to his valet.

SENATOR HILL has not yet been tendered any office of honor or emolument for his vigorous defense of the president.

JUDGING from Mr. McDonald's experience at Leavenworth it isn't safe to criticize the Populist administration unless you have your gun with you.

NEW YORK may be older and have more population, but the police haven't any advantage over Topeka's when it comes to their blackmailing business.

THE anti-anarchist bill that has just passed one of the French chambers is to that country what an anti-immigration bill would be to the United States.

IT is hard to tell which is more reprehensible, the unblushing treason to principle of men like Gorman or the obsequious adulation of Cleveland on the part of Vilas.

THE country has been blighted enough by Democracy without the hot winds coming on. But if the winds will kindly stay off until the crops are made it may be able to recover from Democracy in time.

DEMOCRATS who aspire to missions abroad or other desirable appointive positions should not neglect the excellent opportunity now offered of defending the president. Verily they shall have their reward.

IF the recall of the Japanese minister was not because the Japanese government considered it had received an affront, it is due rather to the charitable belief of Japan than to any good sense of Gresham.

WHEN jointists are asked to contribute to the Populist campaign fund it would hardly be without the promise of protection. This is not a new way of raising money for political purposes, but it is a novelty in reform.

EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM PITT KELLOGG says he can throw no light on the sugar scandal, and so will not give up his vacation to go to Washington. He doesn't seem to understand the situation, he is just the kind of witness the senators want.

THE management of every state institution except two has been found either incompetent, or corrupt, or both. The governor appoints the boards, the boards appoint such officials and the people elect the governor. There's a suggestion to voters in this.

THE first suit for damages against the city of Chicago on account of the strike has been brought for \$3 as a test case. This modest amount, however, is hardly calculated to raise any great hopes. Pittsburgh has only lately recovered from the strike of 1877.

THE people of Colorado were frantic in their demands to have the assassins of Tammie caught, and now they are threatening to tar and feather the detectives who caught their arrest. The de-

sire to tar and feather somebody appears to overshadow their yearning for justice.

Tax thermometer registered 106 at Dodge City yesterday. If people can take any comfort in the fact that they don't live at Dodge City they should be allowed to do so.

## WAS A TRULY PIOUS MAN.

Parson Goodfriend's Wrestle With Triumph Over Satan and Sunday Sap.

She was from the country, but she didn't intend to take back water on anything on that account if she could help it. Piety was the subject of discussion, and Sister Jane, who lived in a town that made some pretensions to being considered a city, had been expatiating on the immaculate righteousness of Parson Jenkins. Sister Melinda bided her time until her innings came round, and then she took the floor.

"I don't mind allowin'," she said, "that Parson Jenkins is a powerful religious man, but when it comes to downright wrestlin' with Satan and resistin' his wiles an' temptations, why, I stan' right up in mechin' an' say that our Parson Goodfriend can't be beat by no man. He don't run a soap kitchen, 'cuz we don't have no use for such things down our way an' he don't go slummin' 'cuz we ain't got no slums, but he's always ready for a tussle with the adversary, no matter how many snares an' pitfalls he sets for his feet. You know, he keeps a maple grove onto his little place, an' he sets a powerful store by 'em. Well, it hadn't been very good sugarin' weather at the time I'm speakin' of it. It had been freezin' considerable nighttimes, but it hadn't thawed out any daytimes, an' the sap hadn't a good chance to run. But Parson Goodfriend wuz allers a great han' fer takin' time by the forelock, so he got his holes bored, an' his spouts driv in, an' his buckets set so as to have everythin' ready to take advantage of the right sort of weather when it came along. Well, he done that on Wednesday, an' them trees of his never dripped a drop on Thursday, nor on Friday, nor on Saturday, but on Sunday the sun shone out powerful warm, an' everythin' was thawin'. An' when he went to look at his trees on Monday mornin'—'cuz, of course, he wouldn't let himself think of them even on Sunday—he found that his sap troughs and buckets wuz just brimful. Then what do you think he done?"

"Why, I suppose he did what any other man would have done," replied Sister Jane. "He took the sap away to make maple sugar out of it."

"Yes, that's what Parson Jenkins would 'a' done, no doubt," said Sister Melinda triumphantly, "an' it just proves what I'm tellin' these facts for—there ain't no more pious man livin' than our Parson Goodfriend. No, he didn't shout for joy an' take that sap away, but he just flopped down on his knees right then an' there, an' he says—it was my own coun's what heard him—'Get thee behind me, Satan; you can't tempt me with any Lord's day sap.' An' then he riz up an' emptied every drop of the stuff onto the ground, an' next Sunday he preached the most convincin' sermon I ever heard on the wiles of the evil one."—New York Advertiser.

## BOOKBINDING.

Types for the Greek alphabet were first cast by Aldus in 1476.

The first Bible printed with a date was finished by Faust in 1462.

Typesetting machines were suggested for book work as early as 1842.

Vellum first came into use as a material for bookbinding about 1510.

The library of Göttingen has a Bible written on palm leaves. There are 5,373 pages, each made of a single leaf.

Earthenware bricks or tiles with characters engraved or stamped on them were undoubtedly the first books.

The first known example of bookbinding in boards in the modern style was a Latin psalter in the ninth century.

Some of the early printed books, in order to imitate manuscripts, had the initials and borders painted by hand.

Roman books were often composed of a number of pages of wood strung together with a cord passed through a hole in the corner of each block.

Parchment was in occasional use from the earliest times, came into general use about 200 B. C., and continued until the invention of printing.

All the English kings, from Henry I to Edward VI, took the coronation oath on a manuscript copy of the four evangelists bound in oak boards an inch thick. This book was made in 1100.

Booksewing machines, to do the work of fastening together the sheets of which a book is composed, were introduced in 1872. Before that time all books were sewed by hand. The book sewing machine reduced the cost about one-half. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Frank Harvey, the author of numerous plays, has just produced a new one called "Shall We Forgive Her?" The story is not very original, but the treatment is deft, dramatic and effective.

Lady Violet Greville's adaptation of "Le Gendre de M. Poirier" under the title of "An Aristocratic Alliance," is poor stuff. In changing the characters to English people the original sadly suffers.

Allice Pierce, the remarkable child actress, was not permitted to appear in the title role of "Hannelo," the vision play which the Rosenfeld brothers produced at the Fifth Avenue theater, New York.

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## CURE FOR OBESITY.

Practiced on a French Farmer Much Against His Will.

M. de la Roynie, traveling one day incognito, met a man of enormous obesity at the inn where they change the horses on the road to Paris. He was a farmer and he had with him two letters of recommendation from the governor of his province—one to the king's physician and the other to a celebrated lawyer. When they arrived in Paris, La Roynie took the man to his own hotel, and assured him that he was in a position to help him in his quest. He at once led him to a dungeon where there were a jug of water and a piece of bread suspended by a string from the ceiling. Rage, screams, and cries of the despairing prisoner were in vain. In the nature of things, the man was presently compelled to attempt to get the only food he had, and, after numerous jumps and as many tumbles, he succeeded at length in gaining possession of the bread. After two months of this diet and these gymnastics, La Roynie gave him his liberty. But his protegee, beside himself with rage, threatened to lodge a complaint with the prefect of police. "Nothing could be more simple," said La Roynie to him; "you are at this very moment before him. But let us think a moment. You came to Paris to cure your obesity. You now stand before me as thin and slender as a young man. What have you, therefore, to gain? Besides that, here are documents to show that you have won the lawsuit you came about, and which you told me on the journey you were so anxious to win." Amazed and stupefied, and with his breath taken away, the poor man was only able to stammer: "Oh! monseigneur!" "Depart," said La Roynie to him; "return to the country and propagate my treatment for obesity."

PROBLEMS IN ANIMAL LIFE.

Some of the Unaccountable Things Done by Owls, Beasts and Insects.

The greyhound runs by sight only. This is a fact. The carrier pigeon flies his hundreds of miles homeward by eyesight, noting from point to point objects that he has marked. This is only conjecture. The dragon fly, with 12,000 lenses in his eye, darts from angle to angle with the rapidity of a flashing sword, and as rapidly darts back, not turning in the air, but with a dash reversing the action of his four wings and instantaneously calculating the distance of the objects, or he would dash himself to pieces. But in what conformation of the eye does this power consist? No one can answer.

Ten thousand mosquitoes dance up and down in the sun, with the minutest interval between them, yet no one knows another headlong on the grass or breaks a leg or a wing, long and delicate as they are. Suddenly a peculiar, high-shouldered, vicious creature, with long and penitent nose, darts out of the rising and falling cloud and, settling on your cheek, inserts a poisonous sting. What possessed the little wretch to do this? Did he smell your blood while he was dancing? No one knows.

A carriage comes suddenly upon some grass in a narrow road and drives straight through the flock over a goose was never yet fairly run over, nor a duck. They are under the very wheels and hoofs, and yet they contrive to flap and waddle safely off. Habitually stupid and indolent, they are, nevertheless, equal to any emergency.

## WRITTEN IN HALF AN HOUR.

"The Sweet By-and-By" the Work of But a Few Minutes.

Mr. Bennett, a music writer, and Mr. Webster were intimate friends, says Harrison's Magazine. The latter was subject to melancholy. He came in to where his friend Bennett was at business one day in a depression of spirits.

"What is the matter now?" said Bennett, noticing his sad countenance.

"No matter," said Webster. "It will be right by-and-by."

"Yes, that sweet by-and-by," said Bennett. "Would not that sentiment make a good hymn, Webster?"

"May be it would," replied Webster, indifferently.

Turning to his desk, Bennett wrote the three verses of the hymn and handed them to Webster. When he read them his whole demeanor changed. Stepping to his desk he began to write the notes. Having finished them he requested his violin and played the melody. In a few minutes more he had the four parts of the chorus jotted down. It was not over thirty minutes from the first thought of the hymn before the two friends, and two others who had come in the meantime, were singing all the parts together. A bystander, who had been attracted by the music, and had listened in silence, remarked: "That hymn is immortal." It is now sung in every land under the sun.

New Dress on an Old Joke.

The filthiness of the printing office towel is traditional, and the joke about the country editor who slew his "devil" by striking him a blow with the office towel has lost its force. The other day I saw suspended on the wall of a printing office a black object, which was labeled: "Armor plate, tested on the Indian Head proving ground and found to be impenetrable." Upon close inspection the article was found to be that same old towel.

Cats in Devon.

In Devon there is a superstition that if a cat gives birth to an even number of kittens, the owner will have as many years good luck as there are kittens; but should the kittens be odd in number, then the contrary will be the result.

## THE BUSY WASP.

He Has Many Trades and Always Works Hard.

Wasps act as architects, builders, carpenters and paper-makers. They go abroad into the fields and gardens in search of provisions; with exemplary care for the public welfare they eat out the sunny side of your peaches and carry away meat from the lamb chops in your larder. Man, base man, who robs the busy bee of its hard-earned honey and slays the gentle calf for the production of wool cutlets, usually speaks of the socialist insects as robbers and depredators. But he forgets that the generous and public-spirited wasp does not levy tribute on his apriots for itself alone. It is the commissary of the republic. Each worker hurries back to the nest the results of his fruit hunting or his marauding expeditions, and shares them among his fellow subjects with that distributive justice which Aristotle preached and which nobody in our human communities practices. He carries out the principles of the Fabian society.

Division of labor, I believe, goes a long way in the nest. Some of the workers seem to be specially employed as foragers and soldiers; others appear to be told off as nurses and guardians, while yet others are engaged as paper makers and masons.

It is even said that these last work by shifts (I know not by what authority) and that they each have a space of about a square inch allotted to them to fill the cells, on which no neighboring worker is permitted to encroach with impunity. But these are perhaps the fictions of imaginative observers. At any rate the eight hours act is not yet in operation; wasps work early and late of their own mere notion.

## GOOD PAY FOR A SMALL JOB.

Expert Locksmith's Time Is Valuable, as This Manufacturer Learned.

Every safe manufacturer has attached to his force expert locksmiths, whose duties consist in opening safes which have gotten out of order. Many of the accidents to safes occur from the gross carelessness of their owners and at times the honest safe-crackers enjoy a quiet laugh at the expense of a group of bank officers or the proprietor of some important establishment. Not long since a large manufacturer telegraphed to a New York safe-maker, requesting that a man be sent at once to his place of business, a town about fifty miles from the city. Upon reaching his destination the expert, with his kit of tools, repaired to the establishment, and was informed that the vault, an old-fashioned affair which locked with a key and which contained the safe and books of the concern, could not be opened. The man examined the lock and then the key, opened his kit, took out a bit of wire and began to dig a mass of dirt, dust and lint out of the key. Then he inserted it in the lock, while the proprietor with a sickly smile looked on. "What's your charge?" asked the manufacturer.

"Fifty dollars," replied the expert. "Does anyone know you are in town?"

"No."

"Well, then, here's \$50," remarked the manufacturer. "I'll give you \$10 extra if you'll take the first train back to New York without telling anyone the price I've paid to have a man dig dirt out of a key for me."

## A Butterfly Story.

A cecoon taken into a suburban library some weeks ago gave forth the other day an exquisite great butterfly. The delicate-feathered creature was kept in the room a day or two and then in pity set free just at nightfall. There were some misgivings lest this should prove other than an act of mercy, but all was felt to be well when next morning the butterfly was discovered where it had been placed, but this time in company with a mate. It happened that the temperature indoors and out had been so nearly alike that the butterfly in the library had burst its bonds almost at the same moment with the one outside destined to become its mate.

## She Swims in Her Sleep.

A young woman of Crab Creek, Oregon, indulges in frequent freaks of somnambulism. One of her recent exploits was as follows: She arose from her bed about 3 o'clock in the morning and was seen to approach Crab creek in her night robe. Upon reaching the stream the young woman waded in for a short distance, as if feeling her way, and swam safely across. Upon reaching the opposite bank she awoke, half frightened to death, dripping wet and shivering from the cold, and made her way to the house of a neighbor, where she was cared for and taken to her home.

## An Ingenious Machine.

Manuel E. de Costa, who resides six miles south of Sacramento on the Riverside road, has built an ingenious machine for irrigating his flower garden and his orange and lemon trees. It consists of a wooden wheel ten feet in diameter and with a rim, or tire, about two feet wide. A dog is placed inside the wheel, which is turned by his weight as he gallops in treadmill fashion. The revolution of the axle turns a crank which operates the handle of a pump set in a dug well. After half an hour's exercise the dog is taken out and a fresh dog put in for another half hour.

## The Historic Cautious.

Thirty years ago Horace Greeley said to Susan E. Anthony: "The ballot and the bullet go together. You women say you want to vote; are you ready to fight, too?" "Yes, Mr. Greeley," said Miss Anthony. "We are ready to fight at the point of the goose-quill the way you always have."

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